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Curt Wagner
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A love of TV ... and other things



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Third uninvited guest got into that White House dinner. Who's on your uninvited list?

Kyles: Who added that hair-brain to "The Celebrity Apprentice" cast? He must be stopped. Get me Omarosa on Line 2.

Wagner: The Situation, Snooki and the rest of the cast of "Jersey Shore."

Jen Smith (@haterface): Lady Gaga shouldn't have any problems sneaking through security.



Dubai opens world's tallest building—what do you see from the observation deck?

Kyles: Absolutely nothing. Not going high enough to find out.

Wagner: Forever.

Ian O'Dea (@laman): I can see crippling debt on the horizon!



'Avatar' makes \$1 billion worldwide. Create a movie that will top it.

Kyles: "The Hangover 2" in 3-D. Combine gut-busting funny with top-shelf technology.

Wagner: "Jersey Shake," a movie in which the cast of "Jersey Shore" goes missing after a series of natural disasters.

Chris Vaughn (@vaughnchicago): Flying monkeys with laser-firing helmets attack Washington, D.C.



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TODAY'S FORECAST

The warmest day all week. Ouch.



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Tues. redux



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Bring in some snow!



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Oooo, flurries!



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Sun comes out ...

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To resolve

Choose your goals for 2010 at Set Your Intentions Workshop Part 2, hosted by Ladies Lotto at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Lululemon Athletica (900 N. Michigan Ave., 3rd floor).

To stretch

Join a large-scale yoga class and hear finance tips courtesy of zendough.com while you strike poses from 7:30-10 a.m. Tuesday in Union Station's Great Hall (210 S. Canal St.).

To stitch

Start the new year with a Stitch 'n' Bitch at Kopi, A Traveler's Cafe (5317 N. Clark St.). Get together at 7 p.m. Tuesday to mingle and knit with enthusiasts of all levels.



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Guests leave after the opening ceremony for the Burj Khalifa building in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on Monday. At 2,717 feet, the structure dwarfs the Willis Tower by more than 50 stories. **BLOOMBERG**

Look! Up in the sky!

Dubai names tallest building after bailout patron

Associated Press

Dubai opened the world's tallest skyscraper Monday, and in a surprise move renamed the gleaming glass-and-metal tower Burj Khalifa in a nod to Sheik Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nayhan, the leader of neighboring Abu Dhabi—the oil-rich sheikdom that came to its rescue during the financial meltdown.

At a lavish presentation witnessed by Dubai's ruler and thousands of onlookers at the base of the tower it was announced that the building was 2,717 feet tall.

The developer of the newly opened tower said it cost about \$1.5 billion to build the tapering metal-and-glass spire billed as a “vertical city” of luxury apartments and offices. It boasts four swimming pools, a private library and a hotel designed by Giorgio Armani.

The Burj's developers say they are confident in the safety of the tower.

Greg Sang, Emaar's director of projects, said the Burj has “refuge floors” at 25 to 30 story intervals that are more fire resistant and have separate air supplies in case of emergency. And its reinforced concrete structure, he said, makes it stronger than steel-frame skyscrapers.

“It's a lot more robust,” he said. “A plane won't be able to slice through the Burj like it did through the steel columns of the World Trade Center.”

The Burj long ago vanquished its nearest rival, the Taipei 101 in Taiwan. It

WHAT'S IN IT

The Burj Khalifa's exterior resembles that of the Trump International Hotel & Tower in Chicago, which was also designed by Chicago's Skidmore, Owings and Merrill. Here are some other facts about the building. **TRIBUNE**

- » Floors 1-16—hotel
- » Floors 18-108—residential (includes apartments, hotel suites, regular and luxury residences)
- » Floors 112-154—offices
- » Floor 122—restaurant
- » Floor 124—observatory
- » Floors 155 to the top—non-occupied (mechanical, broadcasting)

is more than 50 stories higher than the Willis Tower, formerly the Sears Tower.

The building boasts the most stories and highest occupied floor of any building in the world and ranks as the world's tallest structure, beating out a television mast in North Dakota.

“We weren't sure how high we could go,” said Bill Baker, the building's structural engineer, who is in Dubai for the inauguration. “It was kind of an exploration ... a learning experience.”

The Burj stands out prominently against the horizon. It is visible across dozens of miles of rolling sand dunes outside Dubai. From the air, the spire appears as an almost solitary, slender needle reaching high into the sky.

Count on it

A quick look at some of the biggest talkers of the day, numerically speaking.

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32% Bankruptcies rise

U.S. consumers and businesses filed for bankruptcy at quite a pace in 2009. An Associated Press tally found 1.43 million filings last year, up 32 percent from 2008.



1 hour Powerless

The power went out at Reagan National Airport outside Washington, D.C., about 12:30 p.m. Monday, bringing flights and security screening to a standstill. It returned at 1:30.

33 inches Whiteout

A record-setting snowfall of 33 inches buried Burlington, Vt., over the weekend.

Passengers on some U.S.-bound flights face more screening

Associated Press

Some people traveling to the U.S. from or through several countries were subjected to extra security screening, including full-body pat-downs, Monday as U.S. officials refined their response to a failed terrorist attack in Detroit on Christmas.

The Transportation Security Administration outlined the new rules in a directive sent to airlines Sunday. They went into effect Monday, but

initial reports from several European countries indicated they were still scrambling to digest and implement the new rules.

Many other passengers who are not from those 14 countries or traveling through them will continue to see additional screening measures, a senior TSA official said. For instance, in another refinement of measures put in place after the Christmas incident, it is now up to the plane's captain whether to require passengers to

put away electronic devices during the flight or to remain seated for the final hour before landing.

TSA security directives are issued to the airlines to be carried out. If the security measures are not followed, the TSA can penalize the airlines, a TSA official said. The penalties could include warnings and fines, and recalcitrant airlines could ultimately be barred from flying to the U.S.

THE LIST

People who are from or traveling from or through these countries are supposed to have full-body pat-downs and have their carry-on luggage checked: Cuba, Iran, Sudan, Syria, Afghanistan, Algeria, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Somalia and Yemen.

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RIDER'S BLOCK

My pledge to ride every CTA bus line continues. I rode the No. 12-Roosevelt last week and boiled my review down to 140 characters, the size of a Twitter tweet. Check out photos at redeyechicago.com/busride.

@tracyswartz

42 mins from Harrison and Central to 15th Place and Indiana. Bus takes you through the Industrial Revolution. Lots of factories.

Next up: No. 144-Marine/Michigan Express.

TALK TO US

What amenities should a bus shelter have? Tell Tracy by sending an e-mail to tswartz@tribune.com.

Please include your full name, age and neighborhood in case we publish your thoughts.

Western wears the shelter crown

CTA riders seeking shelter from harsh winter weather should head to Western Avenue.

There are at least 122 bus shelters along Western, the most shelters of any street in Chicago, a RedEye analysis of Chicago Department of Transportation data found. At nearly 24 miles long, Western is the longest continuous street in the city.

Citywide, there are more than 2,100 CTA bus shelters, though the CTA maintains only 139 of these shelters, CTA spokeswoman Katelyn Thrall said. The rest are operated by France-based advertising firm JCDcaux under a contract with the city.

The CDOT data from October, the most recent data available to RedEye, covers only the JCDcaux shelters.

When it comes to shelter, some CTA riders are out of luck. Most thoroughfares that see heavy bus activity don't have half the JCDcaux shelters Western boasts. Sheridan Road has 56 JCDcaux shelters while King Drive has 51 and Chicago Avenue has 45 shelters, according to CDOT data.

CTA spokeswoman Wanda Taylor said the CTA works with CDOT to help determine which bus stops have shelters. Whether a bus stop will have a shelter depends on a number of factors, including available space in the public way, proximity to an electrical connection (for shelters with power) and aldermanic input, Taylor said.

JCDcaux installs and maintains shelters in exchange for the right to sell shelter advertising. The city awarded JCDcaux the 20-year shelter contract in 2001 amid allegations JCDcaux did not have the most lucrative bid.

The city receives all the shelters for free and will net more than \$300 million over the life of the contract, CDOT spokesman Brian Steele said.

Brown Jewel

The \$530 million Brown Line capacity project finished last week with the completion of the new Belmont and Fullerton stations. The two stations now have brighter lighting, Braille signs, a better PA system and expanded platforms, among other upgrades, according to the CTA.

CORRECTION

In Monday's Metromix "January Survival Guide," Dirty Bingo was listed as a Jan. 5 event at Mad River Bar & Grille. The series no longer takes place at that location. Find the full list of locations at metromix.com.



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- **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) 1:15,4:20,7:30,10:35
- AMC Select **Up in the Air** (R) 2:00,5:00,8:00,11:00
- **Avatar** (PG-13) 2:15,6:00,9:45
- **Did You Hear** (PG-13) 2:45,5:15,7:45,10:20
- **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) 3:15,7:00,10:45
- **Invictus** (PG-13) 1:40,4:40,7:40,10:40
- **The Blind Side** (PG-13) 6:45,10:00
- **Christmas Carol** (PG) 1:30,4:10

LANDMARK CENTURY CENTRE CINEMA (LANDMARK)
2828 North Clark St., Chicago
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- **Nine** (PG-13) 1:45,4:35,7:25,10:10
- **A Single Man** (R) 2:00,4:40,7:40,10:15
- **Crazy Heart** (R) 1:55,4:45,7:30,10:05
- **Broken Embraces** (R) 1:15,4:10,7:05,10:00
- **Young Victoria** (PG) 1:30,4:15,7:10,9:40
- **Fantastic Fox** (PG) 1:50,4:50,7:15,9:30
- **A Serious Man** (R) 4:20,9:50
- **An Education** (PG-13) 1:40,7:00

CITY NORTH 14 (KERASOTES)
2600 N. Western Ave.
(800) 326-3264 #1642

- **It's Complicated** (R) ★ 9:50,1:00,4:00,6:50,9:50
- **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) ★ 10:15,12:30,1:15,4:15,4:45,7:15,7:45,10:15,10:45
- **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) ★ (Closed caption) 10:45,1:45,5:15,8:15
- **Squeakquel** (PG) ★ 9:20,10:00,11:00,11:40,12:45,1:30,2:00,3:10,3:50,4:40,5:30,6:10,7:20,8:00,8:40,9:45
- **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) 10:30,12:00,2:20,3:30,6:00,7:00,9:30,10:30
- **Avatar** (PG-13) 11:30,3:00,6:30,10:00
- **Did You Hear** (PG-13) 10:20,4:10,10:10
- **Princess-Frog** (G) 9:40,12:10,2:40,5:00,7:30,9:55
- **Brothers** (R) 10:50,1:50,4:50,7:40,10:50
- **The Blind Side** (PG-13) 9:30,12:20,3:20,6:20,9:20
- **Twilight: Moon** (PG-13) 1:10,7:10
- **2012** (PG-13) 10:20 P.M.

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)
4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago
(773) 784-0893

- **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) ★ 4:30,7:10,9:50
- **Nine** (PG-13) 5:00,7:15,9:30
- **Up in the Air** (R) ★ 5:00,7:20,9:45
- **Invictus** (PG-13) 4:50,7:30,10:10

FORD CITY 14 (AMC)
S. Cicero at 76th, Chicago
888-AMC-4FUN
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AMC Select - The best specialty films

- **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) 1:15,4:05,7:00,9:45
- **Squeakquel** (PG) 1:00,2:10,3:15,4:35,5:30,7:00,7:45,9:05,9:55
- **Avatar** (PG-13) 1:30,2:45,5:10,6:10,8:40,9:30
- **Did You Hear** (PG-13) 1:35,4:25,6:45,9:10
- **Princess-Frog** (G) 1:05,2:00,3:25,4:15,5:40,7:55,10:00
- **Invictus** (PG-13) 1:10,4:00,6:50,9:50
- **Armored** (PG-13) 2:30,4:45,7:20,9:25
- **Ninja Assassin** (R) 1:00,3:20,5:35,7:50,10:00
- **Planet 51** (PG) 1:55,4:10
- **Twilight: Moon** (PG-13) 1:20,4:05,6:55,9:40
- AMC Select **Precious: Novel** (R) 6:40,9:15
- **The Blind Side** (PG-13) 1:45,4:30,7:15,9:55
- **2012** (PG-13) 6:20,9:35

GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER
164 State Street
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- **Where the Wild** (PG) 6:00,8:00
- **Defamation** (NR) 6:15 P.M.
- **Gogol Bordello** (NR) 8:00 P.M.

LOGAN THEATRE
2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago
(773) 252-0628

- **Twilight: Moon** (PG-13) 2:05,5:40,8:20
- **2012** (PG-13) 2:15,5:25,8:15
- **Planet 51** (PG) 2:00,4:10,6:20,8:30
- **Old Dogs** (PG) 2:05,6:30
- **Christmas Carol** (PG) 4:10,8:40

MUSIC BOX
3733 N. Southport, Chicago
(773) 871-6604

- **Bad Lieutenant** (R) 7:00,9:30
- **Mr Hulots Hol.** (NR) 5:05 P.M.
- **Police, Adjact.** (NR) 5:00,7:20,9:40

PIPERS ALLEY (AMC)
1608 N. Wells, Chicago
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- **3 Idiots** (NR) 2:30,6:00
- AMC Select **The Road** (R) 2:00,4:30,7:00
- AMC Select **Me and Orson** (PG-13) 4:50 P.M.
- AMC Select **Precious: Novel** (R) 2:40,5:10,7:40
- AMC Select **The Hurt Locker** (R) 1:50,7:20

RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)
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- AMC Select **Nine** (PG-13) 10:35,1:30,4:35,7:40,10:40
- **It's Complicated** (R) 10:40,11:40,1:40,2:40,4:40,5:40,7:45,8:45,10:50
- **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) 10:30,12:45,1:45,3:55,4:55,7:15,8:15,10:30
- **Squeakquel** (PG) 10:50,1:20,3:45,6:10,8:40
- AMC Select **Up in the Air** (R) 11:10,12:10,2:05,3:05,5:05,6:05,8:05,9:05,10:50
- **Avatar** (PG-13) 5:00,9:00
- AMC Select **Young Victoria** (PG) 11:20,2:15,5:10,7:50,10:35
- **Did You Hear** (PG-13) 12:50,3:40
- **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) 11:00,12:00,2:00,3:00,4:00,7:00,8:00,10:00,10:45
- AMC Select **Crazy Heart** (R) 11:05,1:10,2:10,4:15,5:15,7:20,8:20,10:20
- **Princess-Frog** (G) 11:15,2:00,4:50,7:35,10:10
- **Invictus** (PG-13) 1:35,4:35,7:40,10:55
- **Brothers** (R) 10:55,1:55,7:30,10:15
- **Twilight: Moon** (PG-13) 10:45,1:50,5:00,8:10
- AMC Select **Precious: Novel** (R) 4:45 P.M.
- **The Blind Side** (PG-13) 1:05,4:10,7:25,10:25
- **2012** (PG-13) 1:00 P.M.

CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES)
7000 Carpenter Rd., Skokie
(800) 326-3264 #2309

- **It's Complicated** (R) ★ 12:20,1:20,3:10,4:20,6:20,7:10,9:10,10:05
- **Nine** (PG-13) ★ 12:50,4:00,6:50,9:45
- **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) ★ 12:15,1:15,3:15,4:15,6:15,7:15,9:15,10:15
- **Up in the Air** (R) ★ 12:40,2:10,3:40,5:00,6:40,7:40,9:20,10:15
- **Squeakquel** (PG) ★ 12:10,1:30,2:30,3:50,4:50,6:10,7:20,9:40
- **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) 12:00,1:00,3:40,7:00,8:10,10:30
- **Avatar** (PG-13) 3:00,6:30,10:00
- **Did You Hear** (PG-13) 3:20,6:55,9:55
- **The Road** (R) 4:10,9:30
- **Invictus** (PG-13) 3:20,6:55,9:55
- **Princess-Frog** (G) 12:30,2:50,5:10,7:30,9:50
- **Brothers** (R) 1:10,6:45

THE BLIND SIDE (PG-13) 1:40,4:00,7:45,10:40
Twilight: Moon (PG-13) 1:50,4:45,7:50,10:45
2012 (PG-13) 9:00 P.M.

WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES)
1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #1641

- **It's Complicated** (R) ★ 10:30,12:50,1:30,3:50,4:30,6:50,7:30,9:50,10:40
- **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) ★ 10:15,12:15,1:15,3:15,4:15,6:15,7:15,9:15,10:15
- **Up in the Air** (R) ★ 11:00,11:50,2:00,2:30,4:50,5:20,7:40,8:10,10:20,10:45
- **Squeakquel** (PG) ★ 9:50,12:20,2:40,5:00,7:20,9:40
- **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) 12:00,3:30,7:00,10:30
- **Avatar** (PG-13) 11:30,3:00,6:30,10:00
- **Invictus** (PG-13) 10:00,1:00,4:00,7:10,10:25
- **The Blind Side** (PG-13) 9:45,12:40,3:40,6:40,9:45

SHOWPLACE 14 - GALEWOOD CROSSINGS (KERASOTES)
E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave.
(800) 326-3264 #1646

- **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) ★ 12:45,1:15,3:45,4:15,6:45,7:15,9:45,10:15
- **Squeakquel** (PG) ★ 12:10,1:50,2:20,2:50,4:20,4:50,5:20,6:50,7:20,7:50,9:10,9:40,10:10
- **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) 12:00,3:30,7:00,10:30
- **Avatar** (PG-13) 3:00,6:30,10:00
- **Did You Hear** (PG-13) 2:00,4:40,7:30,10:15
- **Invictus** (PG-13) 1:00,4:00,7:10,10:20
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- **Armored** (PG-13) 12:30,2:40,5:15,8:00,10:35
- **The Blind Side** (PG-13) 3:10,6:20,9:30
- **Twilight: Moon** (PG-13) 1:30,4:30,7:40,10:40
- **2012** (PG-13) 6:10,9:50
- **Christmas Carol** (PG) 1:20,3:50

CICERO SHOWPLACE 14 (KERASOTES)
4779 W. Cermak
(800) 326-3264 #1644

- **It's Complicated** (R) ★ 1:45,4:40,7:30,10:20
- **Nine** (PG-13) ★ 12:50,3:50,6:50,9:50
- **Sherlock Holmes** (PG-13) ★ 1:15,4:15,6:45,7:15,9:45,10:15
- **Squeakquel** (PG) ★ 11:50,12:20,1:50,2:20,2:50,4:20,4:50,5:20,7:20,9:40
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- **Did You Hear** (PG-13) 2:30,5:10,7:50,10:45
- **Invictus** (PG-13) 12:15,3:20,6:20,9:30
- **Princess-Frog** (G) 1:40,4:10,6:40,9:00
- **Armored** (PG-13) 12:30,2:45,5:15
- **The Blind Side** (PG-13) 1:00,4:00,7:10,10:10
- **Twilight: Moon** (PG-13) 7:40,10:40
- **2012** (PG-13) 1:10,4:30,8:00
- **Christmas Carol** (PG) 6:00,10:35

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Cedric Lott (right), who was unable to pull his mother away from a fire in their West Side brick two-flat Monday morning, is comforted outside the home on North McVicker Avenue. "I couldn't save my mom," he said. "She was right there." ALEX GARCIA/TRIBUNE PHOTO

Fire rips apart family

Mother, 76, may have stayed inside burning building to help disabled son

Chicago Tribune

The two brothers smashed a window from outside their burning home and tried to pull their elderly mother to safety, away from the smoke filling her lungs.

Calvin Lott slapped her face, trying to wake her up. Cedric Lott grabbed her arm, but the two men said they couldn't get her out.

"I couldn't save my mom," Cedric Lott, 47, said, in tears. "She was right there."

The brothers believe their mother, 76-year-old Maxine Toledo, stayed inside the burning West Side two-flat to try to help her son, Joe Lott, 55, who had multiple sclerosis and used a wheelchair.

The two were killed by the fire that engulfed their Galewood neighborhood home early Monday. Calvin, Cedric and their sister, Claudia Lott, were able to escape; they were treated at hospitals for smoke inhalation and released.

"The last thing I remember is my brother calling out my name, asking me to save him," said Calvin Lott, 45, weeping at West Suburban Medical Center in Oak Park as he recounted the scene from hours earlier. "I lost my brother. I did everything in my power to save him."

"I've got to live with that for the rest of my life."

Fire investigators determined that the blaze in the 1600 block of North McVicker Avenue was caused by a space heater in a rear first-floor bedroom used by Joe Lott, said Fire Department spokesman Larry Langford. It had been placed too close to something flammable, possibly his bed, Langford said. Lott's body was found in the room.

Authorities said Lott died at the scene while Toledo was pronounced dead at the Oak Park hospital.

The home had working smoke detectors,

and the siblings, who were awake around the time the blaze began, said they remember hearing the alarm.

The surviving brothers said neither was able to reach Joe Lott's bedroom because of the intense smoke.

Both ran outside to escape the smoke and realized their mother was still inside. That was when they smashed the window and tried in vain to pull her out.

Calvin Lott said she appeared unconscious, but when he slapped her face, she opened her mouth and started breathing. Then a chunk of plaster fell from the ceiling onto her face, Lott said, "and she was gone."

He said he rode next to her in the ambulance, pleading, "Momma, wake up."

The brothers said firefighters at the scene had restrained them from going back inside for their brother, warning the smoke would be fatal.



ANTONIO PEREZ/TRIBUNE PHOTO

Meter madness

Monday was the first day of the city's new parking meter rate increase, including a jump from \$3.50 to \$4.25 per hour in the Loop. We asked RedEye's Twitter followers and Facebook fans for their opinions on the situation and the rate hike.



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FACEBOOK

John Atkins: They should put up toll booths to charge non-city residents to bring their cars into the city. I live in the burbs and have no problem with that.

Tina Davis: Looks like more time on the el!!!

TWITTER

@joeavella: Unbelievable. Soon it will just be cheaper to get a parking ticket.

@drewmcnaughton: \$4.25 an hour is a way better deal than any Loop parking garage, and you can pay w/ a Credit Card. Why the complaints?

@Brneyed1: for this price there's no benefit to street parking ... might as well park in a covered self-park garage now!

@BVAX: Don't own a car. Between the meters and gas prices. It's becoming less and less desirable.

@AGMahoney: Ridiculous. How much did the city spend on Christmas decorations? I love them, but just sayin'...

@chuckoliva: that's a quarter less then taking the train to downtown and back. CTA FTW!

@joshkorin: at those ridiculous rates why not park in a garage? at least you won't have to chisel off your windshield in the garage!

@ClevelandChick: That is exactly why I don't even drive in Chicago anymore. Parking is enough to make me want to gouge my eyes out.



Bridgewater Hudson

Murder charges to be filed against fugitive

DuPage County State's Atty. Joseph Birkett said Monday he is filing first-degree murder charges against Jerry "Shorty" Hudson, the fugitive ex-husband of the Bolingbrook woman who was killed Friday at an Oak Brook hotel. Birkett said Hudson called Melissa Bridgewater and lured her out by saying he was at her Bolingbrook home destroying her property. He was in the parking lot and shot her at least five times, Birkett said.

Widow of Ebony founder dies

Eunice Johnson, the widow of Ebony magazine founder John Johnson and a fashion maven who ran thousands of traveling runway shows aimed at black audiences, has died. Johnson, 93, died Sunday of kidney failure at her Chicago home, said a spokeswoman for the Chicago-based Johnson Publishing Company Inc. on Monday. Johnson had been the director and producer of the Ebony Fashion Fair since 1961. The high fashion charity event that showcases black designers and models is staged in nearly 200 cities each year.

Man killed, 2 officers injured

A 32-year-old Chicago man was killed and two Calumet City, Ill., police officers were hospitalized Monday after a fight at the Thornton Fractional High School District board of education office. Calumet City Police Chief Ed Gilmore said Prince Alima Bantu Akbar, of the 500 block of South State Street, seriously beat the officers who responded to a call on the 1600 block of Wentworth Avenue. A witness said one of the officers fatally wounded Akbar.

Baby boy for U.S. attorney

It was a merry Christmas for Chicago's top federal prosecutor. A spokesman confirmed Monday that U.S. Atty. Patrick Fitzgerald and his wife, Jennifer Letzkus, became parents Dec. 21. They named the baby Conor Patrick Fitzgerald.



Mayor Daley rings a bell Monday to mark the second half of the school year during a news conference at Harlan Community Academy on the South Side. **DAVID PIERINI/TRIBUNE PHOTO**

A new CPS plan

Schools system changes way it prepares teens to find 'middle-skill' careers after graduation

Chicago Tribune

The Chicago Public Schools system is overhauling its Career and Technical Education program to provide about 25,000 teens the skills they'll need to land well-paying jobs—such as those in the medical or electrical fields—right out of high school.

The seven-year plan, rolled out Monday by Mayor Daley and schools chief Ron Huberman, calls for scrapping the unfocused vocational programs now spread across 70 city schools and consolidating them at 35 schools with better trained staff, more focused curriculum and more opportunities to earn vocational credentials in addition to a diploma.

Ultimately, students would graduate from these programs prepared to land what Daley termed "middle-skill" careers, such as electricians, auto mechanics, medical technicians or licensed practical nurses.

"In today's economy, it is essential that we graduate students with the skills they need to go directly into a good job and a long-term career," Daley said, speaking to students at Harlan Community Academy on the South Side.

The mayor cited a recent study by The Workforce Alliance that concluded 45 percent of jobs by 2014 will be in so-called middle-skill occupations—those requiring more than a high school diploma but less than a four-year college degree.

In years past, vocational education was seen as second-class education, the path for those who were not considered college material. But a national focus on serving a high-tech economy that demands more highly skilled workers forced a change in vocational programs about a decade ago. Even the name changed; the term "vocational education" was replaced with the lofty "career and technical education."

But Chicago Public Schools have struggled to create a quality career prep program. This is the third time in a decade that city and school leaders have launched highly touted reforms, none of which has proved terribly successful.

Students in the career and technical education programs should graduate prepared to land well-paying jobs. But district research has shown they do only slightly better than other Chicago public school students.

He came, he sat, he conquered

Rogers Park man wins his 3rd Couch Potato title

Chicago Tribune

You learn some tricks after competing in a few TV-watching marathons. One: Take interest in meaningless sporting events to keep yourself awake. Two: Eat and drink lightly between the scheduled bathroom breaks.

Jeff Miller, an independent businessman from Rogers Park, clinched his third consecutive Ultimate Couch Potato title Monday morning at Chicago's ESPN Zone. He knows a few other tricks of dedicated dormancy, but he's keeping those to himself. A four-peat in 2011 would be scintillating stasis.

"It's all about determination," said Miller, who displayed incredible inertia in listlessly viewing massive TV screens for 72 straight, sleepless hours.

Miller, 26, bested three other competitors (all men) and pushed himself beyond the Guinness World Record for nonstop boob-tubing. (ESPN's TV-marathon rules mirror Guinness'—no sleeping, no leaving the chair except for thrice-daily bathroom breaks and hourly, five-minute stretches.)

The venue controlled the remote from the time the four contestants first reclined on New Year's Day, and by Monday morning, Miller sat alone. His superior sluggishness earned him a new recliner, a \$1,000 gift card toward the purchase of a television, funds for one year of his cable/satellite bills, \$1,000 in ESPN Zone credit and the Ultimate Couch Potato trophy, adorned with an actual spud.

Added ESPN Zone's Brian Hanover: "Most people have no idea what it takes to win. They don't understand the endurance it takes to stay awake and control bodily issues. Jeff is uniquely qualified. He's an expert."



Jeff Miller watched TV for 72 straight hours to claim his third Ultimate Couch Potato title. "It's all about determination," he said. **HANDOUT PHOTO**



Security scare

1 A man who breached security controls at Newark Liberty International Airport on Sunday, resulting in major delays (above), left a terminal about 20 minutes after he entered the wrong way through a security checkpoint, the Transportation Security Administration said Monday. **AP PHOTO**

Board accuses Octomom doc

2 The fertility doctor who helped Nadya Suleman give birth to 14 children has been accused by the California Medical Board of repeated gross negligence. According to the accusation filed Dec. 22, Kamrava continued administering fertility medication to increase egg production and retrieving eggs to create fresh embryos even though Suleman still had frozen embryos.

Tila Tequila's fiancée dies

3 A spokesman for New York Jets owner Woody Johnson says his daughter Casey Johnson has died. The spokesman would not say how Johnson, who lived in L.A. and was engaged to Tila Tequila, died.

Four U.S. troops killed

4 A roadside bombing killed four U.S. service members, the first American combat deaths of the year in Afghanistan, while a British soldier died during a foot patrol elsewhere in the volatile south of the country, officials said Monday.

A third crasher

5 A third uninvited guest made his way into the White House state dinner for India's prime minister in November, the Secret Service said Monday. As the Secret Service was reviewing how an attention-hungry couple—Tareq and Michaela Salah—got into the dinner without being on the guest list, officials discovered that a third person made it through security without an invitation.

THE DIGIT

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The United Nations is praising the United States and South Korea for lifting travel bans on people with HIV and is urging 57 other countries with travel restrictions to end them quickly.

What presidential vacation?

6 **WASHINGTON** President Obama returned Monday to the White House he never really escaped.

Obama and his family took an overnight flight from Hawaii, capping an 11-day holiday vacation sure to be remembered more for the botched attempt to blow up a Christmas Day flight than the hours spent on golf courses or at luaus. The failed terror attack refocused the president's trip from R&R on the island of Oahu to a river of memos from homeland security aides.

Obama arrived back at the White House at midday Monday with nothing on his public schedule—but much on his plate.

DAY OFF FOR DAUGHTERS

Due to the Obama family's lunchtime arrival back at the White House, daughters Malia, 11, and Sasha, 8, apparently missed joining their classmates for the first day of school after the holiday break. First lady Michelle Obama's office declined to comment.

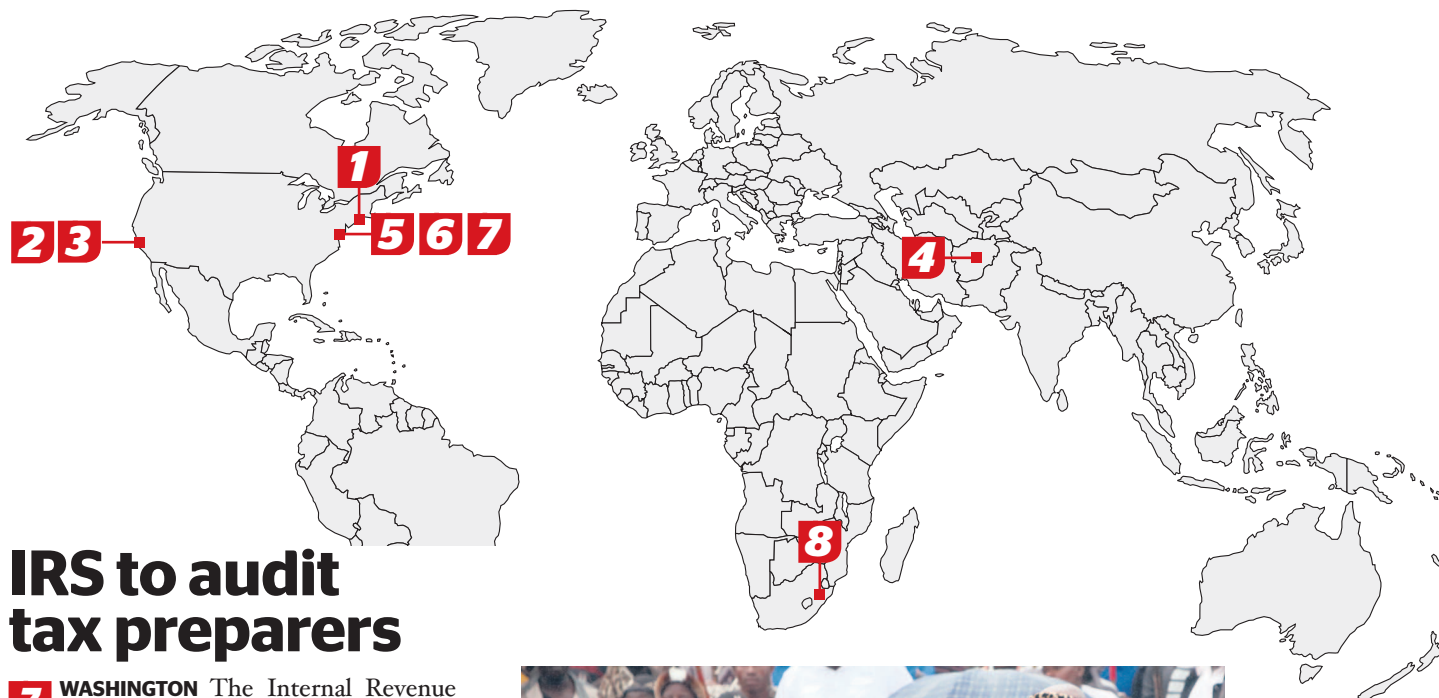
Privately, the president was to hear from the CIA later Monday about the attempted attack on the Northwest Airlines flight and meet with John Brennan, his top counterterrorism adviser, who is leading the review into what went wrong. The president has summoned Homeland Security officials for a

broader meeting Tuesday in the White House Situation Room.

Even though it was called a vacation, the trip to Obama's childhood home was hardly the holiday most people seek.

Between golf outings, he phoned his homeland security secretary and counterterrorism adviser for regular updates. Rather than restaurant recommendations, the president was handed thrice-daily updates from the White House Situation Room.

And an attack that killed seven U.S. intelligence officers put him on the phone with the CIA director before heading to a party with high school friends.



IRS to audit tax preparers

7 **WASHINGTON** The Internal Revenue Service plans to start regulating paid tax preparers, requiring them to register with the government, pass competency tests and adhere to ethical standards.

The new regulations, announced Monday, will not be in effect for the current filing season. But IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman said tax preparers will be held to higher standards in future years as the IRS steps up its oversight to help reduce fraud and errors.

More than 80 percent of taxpayers use a paid tax preparer or tax software to complete their yearly returns. However, paid tax preparers are unregulated in many states, unless they are also lawyers, certified public accountants or enrolled agents who represent taxpayers before the IRS.

Shulman said he hopes to have all paid tax preparers registered by the 2011 filing season.



President and wife

8 South African President Jacob Zuma (right) dances Monday with his new wife, Thobeka Madiba, during a traditional Zulu wedding ceremony in Nkandla, South Africa. **AP**



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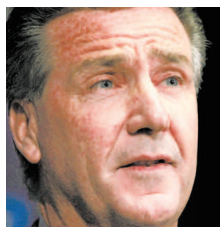
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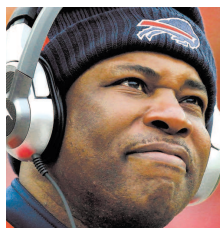


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2 out on Black Monday



Zorn



Fewell

Associated Press

Around the NFL, it is known as Black Monday, the day after the season ends, when coaches get fired.

In Washington and Buffalo, coaching searches have begun, although the Redskins probably won't be looking for long. Mike Shanahan is an overwhelming favorite to get the job Jim Zorn officially lost on Monday.

I don't see how I could've been surprised with all the speculation for the last five or six weeks," Zorn said by tele-

phone Monday evening. "... I think I accomplished some things, but we accomplished a lot less than what was necessary, less than what was expected, so that's why I'm on the road."

Perry Fewell and his entire Bills coaching staff were told to look elsewhere for employment, too.

The same could happen in Oakland, where Tom Cable guided the Raiders to a 5-11 record that some considered overachieving. He will meet with owner Al Davis next week — and no one can predict what Davis will do.

As for Eric Mangini in Cleveland, well, Mike Holmgren, recently hired to run the Browns, has not yet decided who will coach the team in 2010.

The damage on the coaching front won't be nearly as deep as last season, when 11 coaches who began 2008 did not make it into 2009. That doesn't mean it's any less painful for Zorn or Fewell.

THE WASHINGTON POST CONTRIBUTED.

One big Loviefest

As rumors swirl about future of team, staff, Bears players stand behind embattled coach

Associated Press

A day after their disappointing season ended, Bears coach Lovie Smith met with his team and huddled with management.

One thing he apparently didn't do: Act like a guy on his way out.

Linebacker Hunter Hillenmeyer said Monday that Smith talked about goals for next season and what players need to do in the offseason. He also gave his coach an endorsement.

"We think that he should be here," Hillenmeyer said. "I'm under the impression that he will be. I certainly hope he will be."

The Bears are expected to make changes after going 7-9 and missing the playoffs for the third straight year since their Super Bowl run, but exactly how drastic the makeover will be remains to be seen.

Smith, general manager Jerry Angelo and president Ted Phillips didn't make themselves available for comment Monday, but the Bears scheduled a news conference for 2 p.m. Tuesday.

The Bears had high expectations after the arrival of quarterback Jay Cutler, only to come apart after a 3-1 start. They dropped eight of 10 before winning their final two games, and with each loss, speculation mounted.

Angelo only added to it before the game

at Baltimore on Dec. 20 when he shot down an Internet report that the organization had decided to bring back Smith. He also said money would not be an issue in deciding the future of a coach with two years left on his contract.

The Bears then delivered an ugly 31-7 loss to Baltimore before finishing with back-to-back wins, leaving Smith with a 52-44 record over six years.

The strong finish might be enough to save the head coach. What happens to offensive coordinator Ron Turner is another question, as is what happens to the defensive coordinator position, since Smith was calling those shots after stripping Bob Babich of the play-calling duties.

"Three years really in the scheme of things isn't that long," defensive end Adewale Ogunleye said. "Anything can change in a heartbeat. And next year could be the year. So for the way that he's taken this organization to the Super Bowl and to the NFC championship, I think he deserves a little bit more credit than he's getting."

Cornerback Charles Tillman also endorsed Smith, calling him "a guy you want to play for."

"He's a hell of a coach," said Tillman, who missed the final game with broken ribs and a lung contusion. "He's a good person, and I



think we all like him for what he's done for this team."

Star linebacker Brian Urlacher dislocated his right wrist in the opener at Green Bay and needed season-ending surgery and watched the season from the sidelines. He, too, supported Smith.



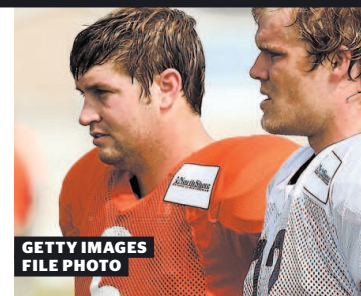
Unraveling the mystery

The Bears have a news conference scheduled for 2 p.m. Tuesday. That much we know. Who will be there and what they'll say is a mystery. Unless you are a Nosdogdamus ... no ... a clairdogant ... OK, a prognosticating pooch. Anyway, here's what my crystal ball—stop laughing—tells me to expect.

» General manager Jerry Angelo announces that Soldier Field will be equipped with a retractable roof. You know, to make Soldier Field look even better.

» Lovie Smith reveals that he's resting his starters this week to prepare them for the playoffs.

» Jay Cutler and Greg Olsen (right) go public with their bromance.



GETTY IMAGES FILE PHOTO

Bears coach Lovie Smith leaves the field Sunday after defeating the Detroit Lions. CHRIS SWEDA/TRIBUNE PHOTO



"I'm one-million percent behind our coach Smith," Urlacher told the Tribune. "What's happened the last couple of years is not on him. There are not a lot of coaches that could have taken the team we had in 2006 to the Super Bowl. He did it. And then the year before, with a

rookie quarterback [Kyle Orton], he took us to the playoffs.

"It's not his fault we've struggled. We've always been prepared to play. We practice hard every day. We just haven't performed well. That's all there is to it. It's not his fault."

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» Lovie calls timeout to challenge a reporter's question.

» In a protracted, 3.5-hour explanation, Devin Aromashodu explains exactly

how to pronounce his last name.

» Citing a gross underestimation, offensive coordinator Ron Turner's comments are complete in

seven minutes, leaving him three minutes shy of his 10-minute allotment.

» Lovie declares "Rex is our starting quarterback."

Uhhh, clearly my crystal ball—I said stop laughing!—is on the fritz. Here's what I really expect: The status quo. It is the Bears, after all.



Grossman
TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

Hi, I'm a Hawks noob

While most of Chicago's sports media will be focused on the body count at Halas Hall, I'm more excited to see how Martin Havlat's going to play against his old team.

While coordinator and assistant coach candidate names will be bandied about, I'm wondering how Cristobal Huet will respond to teammate Antti Niemi's year-long game of "Can You Top This?"

While the majority of national sports TV time will be devoted to breaking down this weekend's four NFL wild-card games, I'll be watching the Blackhawks pregame show.

With the Blackhawks leading the NHL just past the halfway point of the season, I obviously come off like a fair-weather fan. I have no rebuttal to that accusation. Three years ago I hardly cared that Chicago owned one of the Original Six franchises—and I probably would've had to cheat to guess who the other five were. So I guess I gotta come clean: I am a bandwagon-jumper.

I hate bandwagon-jumpers in other sports. Hate them as much as I can allow my mind to hate over something as trivial as sports fandom. But I feel like the entire Chicago sports universe has aligned recently in such a way that we should all get comfy, guilt-free seats on the wagon.

In 2008, the Cubs and White Sox made the postseason in the same year for the first time since anyone you know was born. They underdelivered in '09. In early '09, the Bulls fought the defending champs in an unforgettable seven-game playoff series. They've not lived up to the hopes generated by that series though. The Bears signed The Franchise and then played like they should be working at a franchise, possibly Arby's.

In the midst of this colossal letdown among our pro team, the Blackhawks shine alone, exceeding already-high expectations.

I thank lifelong Blackhawks fans for not hitting us jumpers with the typical hockey fan response: "Dooooood, hockey for life! You're too late!"

Now, if one of you could explain to me what that blue line is for, I would appreciate it.

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Pucktastic

Like the Blackhawks, these five score all the time. If by "score" we mean "fail." Play along at redeyechicago.com/5on5.



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1 What is the danger of the Blackhawks scoring goals on such a frantic pace?

There is absolutely no danger to the Hawks scoring goals on such a frantic pace.

They could run out, and no one should start a new year without goals. Except Tara Reid.

If your Blackhawks continue to score for more than four hours, consult a doctor.

A complete shredding of the space-time continuum. 2012 coincides with the ascendancy of the Hawks.

Offensive success is not something Chicago is comfortable with in any sport.

2 What is ex-Blackhawk Martin Havlat thinking when he plays against his former team?

"I'm healthy, rich and don't have to work in May and June."

"Aflac!" which sounds like a lot like "Havlat" if you're really stretching for a joke.

"Jsem odesel dalsim velkym NHL Straussflovy, a pro co? Hrdost? I nenaviite Twitter. I nenaviite Minnesota."

Probably about the same thing as everyone else in Minnesota: About what he'd like to do to Brett Favre.

"Why on earth did I go somewhere even colder?"

3 The NFL playoffs without the Bears is like ...

... Charlie Sheen without an arrest warrant.

... "American Idol" without Paula Abdul: better off, but somehow a lot less entertaining.

... plaid pajama pants. Ugly, yet strangely familiar and comfortable.

... almost every other NFL playoffs since I started watching football.

... your annual review. Not what you were hoping for, but pretty much what you expected.

4 Who will you be rooting for in the NFL playoffs?

New Orleans. They're the most Cub-like team. So I guess they're doomed.

The Saints or Cardinals in the NFC. In the AFC ... Ochocinco!

I will rank all 12 playoff teams in order of rootability on my blog this week. Yup, that's a plug.

Teams without Michael Vick, Brett Favre, Cedric Benson, Tony Romo, Kurt Warner or any Green Bay Packers.

Injuries.

5 Make a prediction about the Orange Bowl.

Sorry, I don't make predictions about exhibition games.

Jimmy becomes the official mascot after getting his head spray-tanned on "Jersey Shore."

Iowa gets run over like an opossum on the I-300-plus yards rushing and a win for Tech.

At least one stupid fan will wear a basketball on his head and pretend it's an orange. Book it.

It will be the deciding game in the ACC/Big Ten challenge.

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Breaking news: Guns are no joke

Agent Zero is armed and hilarious. Or tried to be, at least.

Washington Wizards star Gilbert Arenas says he took unloaded guns from his locker Dec. 21 in a "misguided effort to play a joke" on a teammate.

Insert "Washington Bullets" joke here.

Arenas released a written statement Monday after meeting with law enforcement officials.

In his statement, he repeated his earlier assertion that he brought four guns to the Verizon Center to store in his locker in order to get them out of his house and away from his children. Arenas said he took the unloaded guns out of his locker "in a misguided effort to play a joke on a teammate." The New York Post has reported that Arenas and teammate Javaris Crittenton drew guns on each other.

"Joke or not, I now recognize that what I did was a mistake and was wrong," Arenas said. "I should not have brought the guns to D.C. in the first place, and I now realize that there's no such thing as joking around when it comes to guns—even if unloaded."

RedEye wonders exactly what Arenas could have been joking about that involved guns. Here's what we came up with.

» "Why did the chicken cross the road? So I could shoot his [bleep]!"

» "The next time a terrorist tries to blow up a plane with a bomb sewn into his crotch—BLAM!"

» "If this health care bill isn't passed, I'm gonna take things into my own hands! I hate that Lieberman!"



Joakim Noah and Taj Gibson wipe their faces simultaneously during the final minutes of their game against the Oklahoma City Thunder on Monday. The Bulls lost, 98-85. NUCCIO DINUZZO/TRIBUNE PHOTO

OKLAHOMA CITY 98, BULLS 85

Bulls feel the Thunder

Russell Westbrook scored 29 points, Kevin Durant added 25 and the Oklahoma City Thunder dominated the third quarter Monday night in a 98-85 victory over the Bulls.

Westbrook and Durant had eight points each during a 27-6 run in the third, when the Thunder shot 65 percent to take control. It was Oklahoma City's sixth victory in seven games.

Derrick Rose scored 19 points and Joakim Noah had 14 points and 14 rebounds for the Bulls, who were booed by their fans as they shot 22 percent in the decisive third period.

The Bulls had won four games in a row since reports emerged that coach Vinny Del Negro's job was in jeopardy. General manager Gar Forman refused to give Del Negro a vote of confidence last week.

Durant, the NBA's fourth-leading scorer at 28.4 points per game, had his string of 30-point games snapped at seven, a franchise record.

The Bulls led 56-49 early in the second half when

A WIN-WIN TRADE

The Bulls' Feb. 19 trade of Thabo Sefolosha to Oklahoma City is one of those rare win-win situations in pro sports.

Sefolosha is starting at shooting guard for the Thunder, who showed their faith in the defensive specialist by signing him to a four-year, \$13.8 million extension during the offseason. The draft pick the Bulls acquired became Taj Gibson, who has been a rookie revelation as the starting power forward.

"Thabo worked hard here," coach Vinny Del Negro said. "It was just hard to get him minutes with what we had. He's done well there, and I'm happy for him."

they stopped scoring and the Thunder started hitting shots from everywhere. Westbrook's driving layup and Durant's 3-pointer capped a 15-4 run that put Oklahoma City ahead to stay, 64-60, with 6:38 left in the third.



NBA Bulls at Charlotte

6 p.m. CSN

A chance to see former Bull Tyson Chandler. Oh, how I miss those days. Just joking.



NHL Blackhawks vs. Minnesota

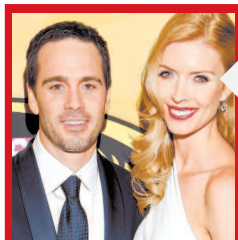
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Hawks have scored four or more goals in six straight games. They are playas.



COLLEGE BASKETBALL Illinois vs. Iowa

8 p.m. Big Ten Network
The Hawkeyes are more like the Noteyes this season.



» Four-time defending NASCAR champ Jimmie Johnson and his wife, Chandra, are expecting their first child. A spokesperson for the driver says the child is due in July.

» Spike Lee isn't just a N.Y. Knicks fan, apparently. The film director joined the board Monday of the USA Bid Committee trying to bring the World Cup to the U.S. in 2018 or 2022.

» Representatives of Manny Pacquiao and Floyd Mayweather Jr. are going to mediation Tuesday in California to try to salvage the boxers' March 13 fight. Blood testing issues have threatened to derail the bout.

» Boise St. 17, TCU 10

» W. Illinois 55, Savannah St. 51

» E. Illinois 97, Tennessee Tech 93



TOP '10

THE YEAR'S
EVENTS THAT ALREADY
HAVE US BUZZING

By Metromix staff

Burnt out on '09 "best of" lists? Us too. Time to look on the flip side of the new year. From the debut of "Top Chef" winner Stephanie Izard's new restaurant to the remake of "Nightmare on Elm Street" filmed in the Chicago area, here are just 10 of the reasons we're excited about what's on the horizon in 2010.

NIGHTLIFE

Revolution Brewing

2323 N. Milwaukee Ave.
773-227-2739

Logan Square, get ready to welcome this long-awaited brewpub, debuting later this month from Handlebar owner and beer devotee Josh Deth along with brewmaster Jim Cibak, whom Deth met working at Goose Island Beer Company in the '90s. Beer-barrel lanterns hang from the ceiling above a massive bar, where bartenders will pour such brews as Iron Fist pale ale and Workingman Mild, a nutty brown beer, from tap handles shaped like a raised fist, the brewery's logo. To soak up all of those pints, the kitchen will churn out pizzas, house-smoked meats and veggie-friendly fare.



Bull & Bear's big brother

400 N. State St.

Twilight Traffic Control, the crew that brought you Stone Lotus and Bull & Bear, starts construction soon for a new beer-centric bar with an industrial look opening this summer in the old Red Fish Grill space in River North. This new spot will not only be twice the size of Bull & Bear, but it'll also feature twice as many booths equipped with self-service beer taps built right into the table (about a dozen total). A basement private-party room will feature tasting room-style taps built right into the walls so guests can help themselves to pours as they mingle.

Longman & Eagle

2657 N. Kedzie Ave.
No phone yet.

The owners of Empty Bottle are behind this neighborhood spot named for Logan Square's iconic eagle statue and the sculptor who created it, Evelyn Longman. The concept? To create a modern version of a traditional "Chicago inn": a community-centric hub for dinner, late-night drinking and even sleeping, if you reserve one of a half-dozen or so rooms on the second floor (think bare-bones rather than boutique hotel). Open till 2 a.m. most nights, Longman & Eagle is sure to attract a late-night scene, though the dinner menu deserves attention of its own, with bar snacks such as chickpea fries with harissa ketchup and seasonal entrees such as pumpkin risotto with pork belly confit and apples. The first floor opens mid-January; second-floor rooms follow by spring.



SAVE THE DATE

A look ahead
at events and
openings in 2010



JANUARY

Jan. 14: "Project Runway" premiere. Keep an eye on Ping Wu, a physical therapist and designer currently living in Chicago.

FEBRUARY

Mid-Feb.: Opening of Beauty Bar

(right), Chicago's first location of the New York nightclub, in West Town.

Feb. 19-28: Chicago Restaurant Week. Get three-course prix-fixe meals at 150 restaurants for \$22 (lunch) or \$32 (dinner).

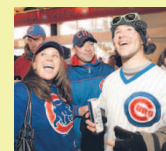


MARCH

March 13: St. Patrick's Day Parade in the Loop.

APRIL

April 5: Sox Home Opener (vs. Indians). Scope a spot to watch on TV at Rocky's in Bridgeport.



April 12: Cubs Home Opener (vs. Brewers). Try out the newly revamped, three-floor Sports Corner, opening in January.

MAY

May 21-23: Chicago Mayfest in Lakeview officially kicks off summer festival season.

May 28-31: International Mr. Leather. Back in black at the Hyatt Regency Chicago.

JUNE

June 25-July 4: Taste of Chicago. Get a load of the meats-on-sticks in Grant Park.

June 27: Pride Parade traverses Halsted Street as part of the city's annual Gay Pride Month.

MUSIC

Billy Corgan with Matt Walker

The lone remaining member of Chicago rockers Smashing Pumpkins hardly ever performs in town anymore (though he has begun posting songs online for the band's unfortunately named new album, "Teargarden by Kaleidyscope"). At a benefit show at **LaSalle Power Co.** (500 N. LaSalle St., 312-661-1122), Corgan will perform with ex-Pumpkins drummer Matt Walker. Sounds like an awesome event, but it will cost you: \$150 for the concert and two drink tickets, or \$300 for the show, 2-hour open bar, appetizers and a meet-and-greet with Corgan and Walker. 7 p.m. Feb. 18. Get tickets at northshore.org/concert beginning 10 a.m. Wednesday.

MOVIES

"Nightmare on Elm Street"

Great, another remake of a horror classic—right? Well, here's why you should care: This version of the 1984 film, in theaters April 30, was filmed from April to July in the Chicago area, including the Southeast Side's Hegewisch neighborhood and Northwest suburbs Arlington Heights and Barrington. Sure, you may no longer be scared of serial killer Freddy Krueger (now played by Jackie Earle Haley of "Watchmen"), but there's an added freak-out factor knowing he's within driving distance of your house! Bonus: Hopefully the new "Nightmare" will bring more productions into town, as last year's disappointing "Public Enemies" didn't raise the city's profile as much as expected.

Billy Corgan

DINING

Girl & the Goat 809 W. Randolph St.

"Rustic with a bit of badass and quirkiness." That's Stephanie Izard's description of the in-progress dining room at the 130-seat Randolph Street spot she's opening in early April with partners Kevin Boehm and Rob Katz of Boka Restaurant Group. Even more badass? A wine- and beer-friendly menu emphasizing sharable snacks and small plates (most in the \$8-\$15 range) such as charcuterie, sausages and flatbreads, balanced out with some larger family-style dishes (about \$20-\$22), all seasonal and all designed for interactive dining. And if you're looking for goat, you won't be disappointed: House-made goat sausages and smoked goat flatbread from the restaurant's wood-burning oven are just a couple of the treats in store.

Grahamwich Address and phone TBD

Not one to stop at lobster corn dogs and Pop Rocks-coated foie gras lollies, aka foielipops (to name just a couple of his characteristically rule-breaking greatest hits), chef Graham Elliot Bowles is taking on the common sandwich in 2010. His casual counter-service spot, which should land in River North in the spring, will offer sammies both hot and cold, as well as snacks such as pickled seasonal veggies, chips, popcorn and house-made soda in flavors such as orange-cardamom and galangal-ginger ale. Save room for soft serve with playful toppings such as CornNuts and Pop Rocks.

SHOPPING

Marc Jacobs 11 E. Walton St.

Chicago got its first big taste of MJ (left) when the designer plopped down a store carrying his less-expensive diffusion line, Marc by Marc Jacobs, on Damen Avenue in Bucktown last year. Next month, he pulls out the big guns. Located in the posh Elysian Hotel, this store will carry Jacobs' main line of fresh-from-the-runway threads for men and women. Even though the price tags on handbags here top our monthly rent, we're psyched for the boost this luxury boutique will give our city's fashion cred.

THEATER

"The Long Red Road"

You've most likely seen Philip Seymour Hoffman (right) on film ("Doubt," "Synecdoche, N.Y."), but did you know he's also a theater buff? See Academy

Award-winning actor Hoffman's directorial talents at work at **Goodman Theatre** (170 N. Dearborn St., 312-443-3800), where he tackles Brett C. Leonard's new drama set on an Indian reservation, where a man struggling with grief is forced to take a long, hard look at his life when a visitor from his past arrives on the scene. Feb. 13-March 14. \$12-\$45.

Andersonville openings

Two spots we're quietly holding our breaths for this year aren't helmed by nationally-known chefs, and they're far from flashier foodie stomping grounds such as Randolph Street and River North. First up, there's **Table** (5022 N. Clark St.), where executive chef David Carrier, who burst onto the local scene late last year with Kith and Kin in Lincoln Park, will focus on family-style portions of dishes that take full advantage of a wood-burning oven. By late summer, look for Hopleaf owner Michael Roper to open a spinoff at 5146 N. Clark St., next door to his long-running beer bar and restaurant. Hopleaf executive chef Ben Sheagren is in charge of the wine-friendly menu, on which house-made charcuterie and wood-grilled meat and fish dishes will star. Don't worry, beer geeks: This spot will have plenty of suds to offset the wine, though the list will skew more American than Hopleaf's Belgian-heavy brood.

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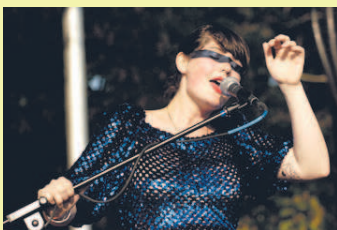
Stephanie Izard



June: Four Corners Tavern Group, the force behind Kirkwood (above), aims to open a new bar in Old Town this month.

JULY

July 15: Green City Market Chef's BBQ. One big picnic featuring grilled goodies from lots of local chefs.



July 16-18: Pitchfork Music Fest at Union Park.

AUGUST

Aug. 6-8: Lollapalooza in Grant Park. Early-bird tickets already sold out, but there's still time to get dibs.



SEPTEMBER

Sept. 11-12: Renegade Craft Fair. Browse DIY curios along Division Street between Damen and Paulina avenues. Psst: Renegade Craft Fair Holiday Sale is scheduled for Dec. 4-5.

Sept. 25-26: Chicago Gourmet food fest returns to Millennium Park with scores of local chefs in tow.

OCTOBER

Oct. 7-20: Chicago Film Festival.

Oct. 10: Chicago Marathon.

NOVEMBER

Nov. 24: Black Wednesday. As if it isn't already on your calendar ...

DECEMBER

Dec. 2: World of Chocolate. Eat sweets to benefit the Aids Foundation of Chicago at the Hilton.

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\$3 house shots, \$5 shot and a beer; 415 N. Milwaukee Ave. 312-829-6300.

RODAN

\$3 bourbon shots; 1530 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-276-7036.

TUESDAY CONCERTS

BABY AND HIDE

9:30 p.m. \$3-\$5. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

BILL LUPKIN

9:30 p.m. \$10. Buddy Guy's Legends, 754 S. Wabash Ave. 312-427-0333.

BUTCH WALKER, GOLD MOTEL

9 p.m. Sold out. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

CELTIC SEISIUNS

7 p.m. Free. The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston. 847-864-1679.

DEEP BLUE ORGAN TRIO

9 p.m. \$6. Green Mill, 4802 N. Broadway. 773-

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8:30 p.m. \$7. Elbo Room, 2871 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-549-5549.

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8 p.m. \$7. Martyrs', 3855 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-404-9869.

LINSEY ALEXANDER BLUES BAND

9 p.m. \$8. Blue Chicago at Ohio, 536 N. Clark St. 312-661-0100.

MIKE WHEELER

8:30 p.m. Free. Harlem Avenue Lounge, 3701 Harlem Ave., Berwyn.


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9:30 p.m. \$5-\$7. Rosa's Lounge, 3420 W. Armitage Ave. 773-342-0452.

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 9:30 p.m. \$12. Kingston Mines, 2548 N. Halsted

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7 p.m. \$10. Andy's Jazz Club, 11 E. Hubbard St. 312-642-6805.

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WHEN IT'S COLD OUTSIDE, DON'T FREEZE YOUR FITNESS ROUTINE

It's the new year, which means New Year's resolutions. Which means exercise. But what do you do when it's cold outside? With the right preparation, you can embrace the elements while staying active and healthy. Here are some tips from experts and enthusiasts on how to safely savor some chilly season activities. **MCT**

COLD-WEATHER RUNNING

Andi Smith, 44, describes herself as a warm-weather runner, although she has a fondness for the winter months.

"There truly is nothing better than a nice, brisk morning run or an afternoon run," she said. "Those first few steps walking out the front door when it's cold and dark, you don't want to go. But then you get that crisp morning air, which is so much clearer and cleaner in the winter. It's lovely, just lovely."

Smith is a pediatric nurse practitioner at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas. The marathon veteran will coach as many as 45 aspiring marathoners.

Often, she says, first-timers will start training during the summer and then panic as the temperature drops in the fall. She calms them down and shares tips that include:

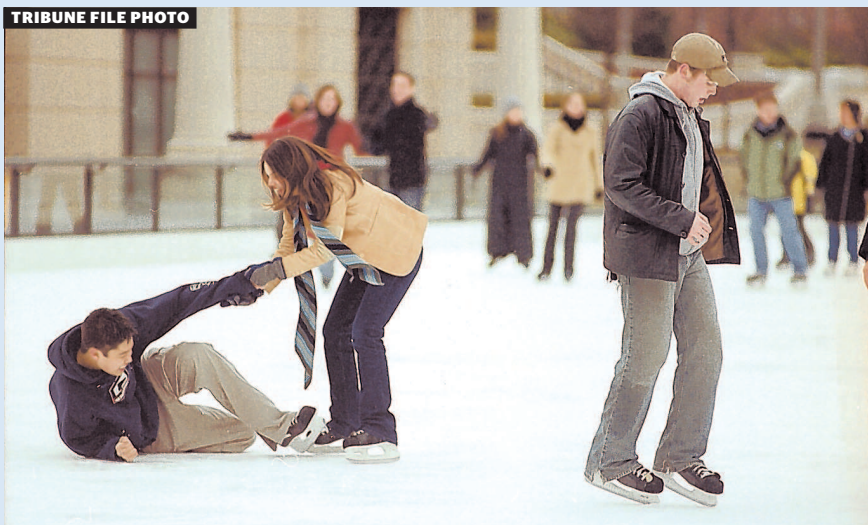
» **Keep your hands warm:** "If my hands are warm, I'm golden. If my hands are cold, I'm totally miserable." She recommends mittens on really cold days "because your fingers stay warmer when they're together."

» **Have layers to shed:** "I have sleeveless shirts that I wear underneath a thicker long-sleeved shirt. Then I use one more layer to block the wind. I can wear regular tights or cold tights with fleecy lining if it's very cold."

» **Stretch:** "During the summertime, I'm feeling pretty loose in five or 10 minutes, but in the winter it takes 15-20 minutes. Start your run slowly if you're training. If it's a race, do little 50-meter sprints back and forth several times before the gun goes off."

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ICE SKATING

Theresa Cinciripini, 30, has been figure skating five years and competes four or five times a year. Cinciripini's top tips (including a few from figure-skating coaches Christy Malacrea and Allana Dutton Felder):

» **Warm up before you hit the rink:** Stretch and jump rope, do light stair-stepping or run around the lobby—whatever you need to do to get your heart beating so the cold isn't so shocking.

» **More than just tights:** Wear long johns made of moisture-repellent fabric or fleece under your warm-ups or tights.

» **Go for it:** If you skate hard, you'll warm up quickly.

Theresa Cinciripini
MCT



COLD-WEATHER WORKOUTS

» **Ditch the cotton:** Cotton absorbs sweat, which will make you even colder. Look for liners made of synthetic polyester and microfiber fabrics that will repel moisture from your skin and layer your clothes so can take outer garments off as you warm up. Stores that specialize in your sport should stock these.

» **Cover those ears:** Your extremities will get cold fastest; covering the hands and feet may seem obvious, but it's just as important to protect your ears.

» **Allow extra warm-up time:** Your muscles take longer to loosen in the cold. Take time afterward, too, for cool-down stretches.

» **Drink and lather up:** Drink plenty of water or drinks with electrolytes, and apply sunscreen, lotion and lip balm to keep skin and lips safe from sunburn, UV rays, and drying and cracking.

Things
that turn
us on



ALBUM 'Contra'

Vampire Weekend
Streaming at myspace.com/vampireweekend
I was happy to hear that one of the big upcoming album releases is Vampire Weekend's sophomore effort, "Contra." What better way to kick off 2010 than with some trippy, blissful pop from one of my favorite bands? Watch for a proper review when the album drops Jan. 12, but decide if you like it as much as I do by listening at the band's MySpace page.

CURT WAGNER, REDEYE



TECH Juicy Couture Blackberry Cases

\$58 for set of 3 at Neiman Marcus
You know how you can hear your cell phone ringing, but you can't find it in your bag or under piles on your desk, dresser or kitchen counter? Perhaps a colorful case will make locating your phone a bit easier. Juicy Couture's set of three cases (in pink, black, and green) are fun and functional. JOANNA GUSTAFSON FOR REDEYE



FASHION Nick & Mo Topstitched Trench

\$78 at Nordstrom
A trench coat is an important classic every woman needs in her closet. But for a fun update, try the bright blue version from Nick & Mo on for size. A coat this chic shouldn't be kept in the closet until it rains. Pair it with skinny jeans and knee-high boots for a new look. JOANNA GUSTAFSON FOR REDEYE



TV "The Biggest Loser"

7 p.m. Tuesday, NBC

Corporate travel agent Maria Ventrella, 51, and her son, DJ Michael Ventrella, 30, go up against 10 other family teams of two in the latest season of the weight-loss phenomenon. The Chicago team has its work cut out. CURT WAGNER, REDEYE

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INTRODUCING The Finalists for the 2010 Slim Down

These 10 People Are Starting the New Year Right!



LOSE WEIGHT, FEEL GREAT!

Linda R. Age 50 – Palatine
Current Weight: 155. Ideal Weight: 130.

She wishes to lose weight to live a healthier, more active lifestyle. Grandchildren are arriving, and she says she's not a push-the-swings, sit-on-the-bench kind of grandma. "It's time to look forward in life and act, rather than look back and wish that I had acted."

Martha I. Age 61 – Chicago
Current Weight: 216. Ideal Weight: 166.

She has high blood pressure and diabetes. Her motivation to lose weight is her granddaughter, of whom she recently gained guardianship. "I didn't want to go on living when I lost my son in the accident, but now I realize I cannot die because of my little Isabella Rose, who is 6 years old."

Andrea L. Age 46 – Flossmoor
Current Weight: 198. Ideal Weight: 168.

Her recent life changes of getting married, having a baby, and changing jobs have sent her off track. "When I saw this challenge, I thought this would be the perfect opportunity for me to discipline myself and reach my goals."

Michael K. Age 41 – Spring Grove
Current Weight: 217. Ideal Weight: 180.

He needs to lower his body mass index (BMI) to well under 30. He is a firefighter and wants to get his weight down so he can do his job to the best of his ability. "My wife plans to go on SSHE during the contest as well, so she will be a huge supporter."

Denise A. Age 50 – Hazel Crest
Current Weight: 180. Ideal Weight: 145.

She has high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes and kidney failure (and undergoes dialysis two times per week). She has already lost 100 pounds on her own. "For health reasons I was forced to reduce my weight or risk my life."

Paul Q. Age 40 – Westmont
Current Weight: 190. Ideal Weight: 158.

He's a former triathlete and ironman participant. His health issue is high cholesterol, and he knows his problems are portion control and choosing the wrong foods. "I plan to climb Mt. Rainier next July for the first time."

Donna N. Age 64 – Bloomingdale
Current Weight: 195. Ideal Weight: 135.

Her health issues include high blood pressure and high cholesterol. She states her knees are sore from her excess weight and she easily becomes short of breath. "I am looking forward to Seattle Sutton's Healthy Eating because all of the guesswork is taken out!"

Phil P. Age 39 – Chicago
Current Weight: 224. Ideal Weight: 178.

His doctor said he needs to lose weight or he may have health issues down the road. He works a busy schedule as a writer and plans to document his experience with the 2010 Slim Down. "A busy career means a balanced diet sometimes gets lost. I believe I can benefit from this challenge."

Heidi W. Age 23 – Chicago
Current Weight: 191. Ideal Weight: 140.

She became a vegetarian and lost weight eating fruits, vegetables and nuts. However, she realized she could maintain a vegetarian diet and still eat unhealthy veggie-friendly foods. "I put all the weight back on. A friend told me about this challenge, and I'm giving it a shot."

Tim G. Age 51 – Aurora
Current Weight: 290. Ideal Weight: 185.

His health issues are type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol. His hobbies are important to him. He wants to fish more easily and would like to ballroom dance eventually. "I am very excited about the opportunity to participate in this awesome contest!"

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ACROSS

- 1 Baby deer
- 5 Raisin, once
- 10 Separated bit of land
- 14 Words of comprehension
- 15 King or shah
- 16 Male deer
- 17 "Now!" in the ER
- 18 Burdening
- 20 Preschooler
- 21 Leaves
- 22 Remedies
- 23 Cut in two
- 25 Scottish denial
- 26 Allowable margin of freedom
- 28 Chillier
- 31 Rowed
- 32 Dramatic twist
- 34 Mr. Iacocca
- 36 Lacking water
- 37 Tiny amount
- 38 Wedding miracle city
- 39 Tasseled cap
- 40 Beverage
- 41 Does a household chore
- 42 Remains of something destroyed
- 44 Slight bow
- 45 Male sheep
- 46 Raccoon's cousin
- 47 Arm joint
- 50 Spoken
- 51 Feline
- 54 Barnes & Noble, e.g.
- 57 Nurse's helper
- 58 Carried
- 59 Stories
- 60 Have the lead role
- 61 Bridge
- 62 Conscious
- 63 "Ave Maria," for one

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- 1 Clenched hand
- 2 Regarding
- 3 Add insulation, as to a house
- 4 Curler bonnet

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- 5 "Cool!" 1960s-style
- 6 India's currency
- 7 "Heidi" setting
- 8 capita; apiece
- 9 Prior to
- 10 Published
- 11 Commotion
- 12 Narrow walk
- 13 Breakfast order
- 19 Like a fish's body
- 21 Pleased
- 24 Astonished
- 25 Nary a one

- 26 Lounge around
- 27 Dog-; like shabby pages
- 28 Rooster
- 29 Stretchability
- 30 Leases
- 32 Showy flower
- 33 Raced
- 35 Uncomplicated
- 37 In good shape
- 38 Not at all wordy
- 40 Sketches
- 41 Twofold

- 43 Shattered
- 44 Not refined
- 46 Stream
- 47 Flows back
- 48 Noose
- 49 When doubled, an island near Tahiti
- 50 Earthenware jar
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- 57 Shade tree

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BLAGO BITES

He may make Darryl Strawberry look like a choirboy by comparison.

Former Gov. Blagojevich will vie to be the next "Celebrity Apprentice," which kicks off March 14. In case you were under a rock for the past 13 months, Blago has been charged with fundraising abuses, plotting to auction off President Obama's former U.S. Senate seat and other offenses. He was removed from office last January, but has denied wrongdoing. Other "Apprentice" contestants include former baseball bad boy Strawberry, Poison lead singer Bret Michaels, Cyndi Lauper and Sharon Osbourne.

If the audiotapes allegedly capturing Blago's comments are any indication, this could be a rollicking, crazed, foul-mouthed season of "Apprentice." Let's imagine what we might hear (in a totally tongue-in-cheek, satirical way, of course).

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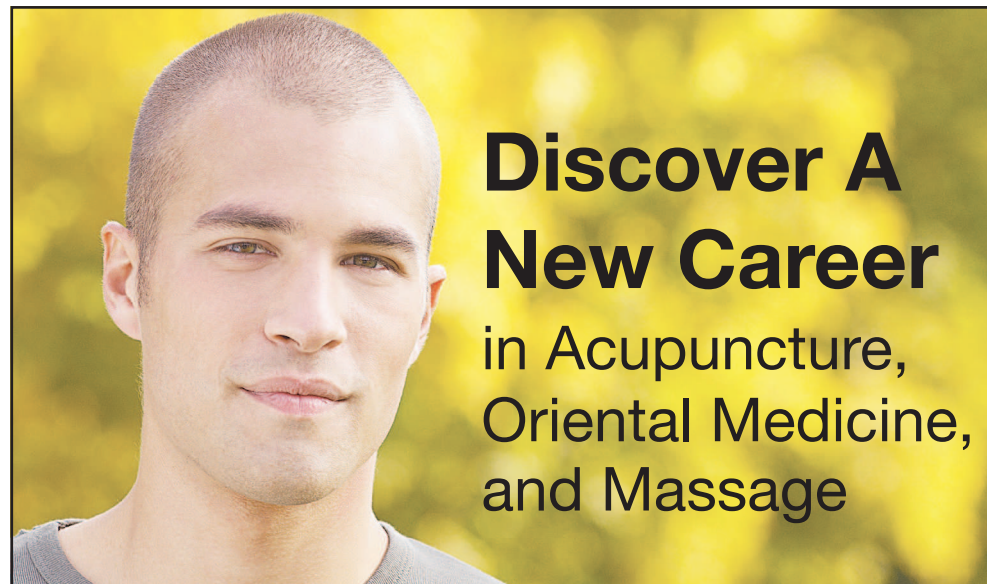
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Blagojevich
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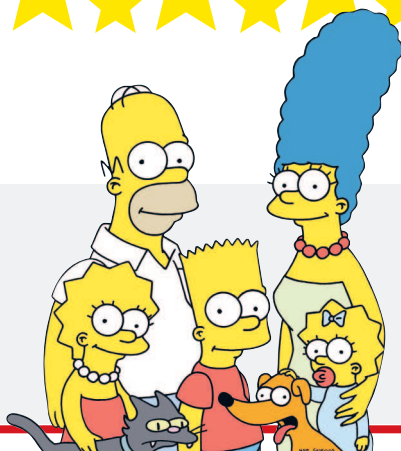


Barney Stinson? Capt. Jack Harkness?

Who's your fave gay man of the decade? Online magazine After Elton asked readers to pick the standout star from among 10 options. Front-runners Neil Patrick Harris and John Barrowman gave their shout-outs for votes, and nearly every celebrity with a Twitter account started weighing in. Madness ensued. Voting ended at midnight, so visit afterelton.com to find out who is the winner.



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That's how many episodes "The Simpsons" will be celebrating Jan. 10. That's a record for a nighttime scripted series.



« Don't interrupt—Kanye is back

Kanye West is "BACK IN THE STUDIO"! After lying low for a while, the Chicago rapper pledged Monday on his blog—in all caps, natch—that he'll create music with "the same dedication" that NBA star Kobe Bryant displays on the court.



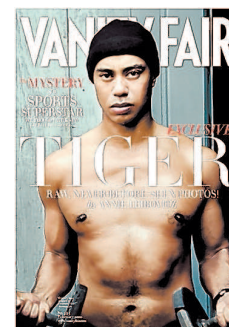
Vince Vaughn and Kyla Weber watch the Blackhawks in April. GETTY IMAGES FILE PHOTO

Swinger no more

Vince Vaughn married girlfriend Kyla Weber in a small private ceremony Saturday outside Chicago, his rep confirms to people.com. Vaughn, 39, proposed to Weber, a Canadian real estate agent, on Valentine's Day. The wedding took place at a historic mansion in Lake Forest, usweekly.com reports.

'Bachelor' scandal

There was some hanky-panky on the new "Bachelor," which premiered Monday, but it didn't only involve the star. Host Chris Harrison confirmed Monday that a male producer had a relationship with one of the female contestants during filming and that ABC had to address the situation in an episode, people.com reports. "It was embarrassing for us and ... [we said], 'Let's nip this in the bud and take care of it.' And that's what we did," Harrison said on KBIG-FM in Los Angeles. He didn't specify how it was handled.



Tiger gets tough

Tiger Woods as you've never seen him before. Annie Leibovitz took some shots of the golf star before that little sex scandal broke, and Vanity Fair has them. In the cover image Tiger is shirt-

less and lifting weights while growling. Sorta "Zoolander" Blue Steel.

Yar! Pirates love 'Heroes'

"Heroes" may be on the edge of extinction, but its online presence is booming. The NBC series was the most pirated show online for the second year in a row, with 6.58 million illegal downloads in 2009, according to The Hollywood Reporter. That number tops the legal weekly viewers, averaging 6 million a week.